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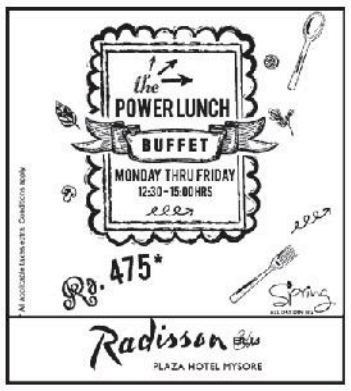

Union Budget

- **New Agriculture Infra Cess introduced; Petrol to be costlier by Rs. 2.5 per litre, diesel by Rs. 4 per litre**
- **No changes in Income Tax slabs**
- **Senior citizens who only have pension and interest income need not file IT Returns**

New Delhi, Feb. 1 (UNI& Agencies)- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget 2021-22 in the Parliament this morning. In significant changes to taxation process, she announced scrapping of Income Tax for senior citizens under certain conditions.

Salaried people hoping for relaxations in direct taxation may have been disappointed as Government kept the slabs and rates unchanged. The Government has introduced Agriculture Infra Cess of Rs. 2.5 per litre on petrol and Rs. 4 per litre on diesel.

Start-ups will get an extension in their tax holiday for an additional year. Sitharaman also announced a major relief for States and said that the Government has accepted the recommendation of the 15th Finance Commission to give 41 percent of the share of taxes to States.

Nirmala Sitharaman presenting Union Budget 2021-22 today.

Union Budget 2021-22 is based on six pillars from health to governance, she told the Lok Sabha. This is the first Budget to be presented in the on-going pandemic which has created havoc both on health and wealth. All sectors of the economy have been severely affected by the pandemic and looking for relief.

The main pillars the Finance Minister listed were health and well-being, physical, financial capital and infrastructure, inclusive development for aspirational India, reinvigorating human capital, innovation and research and development and minimum government and maximum governance.

Sitharaman announced a total spend of around Rs. 2 lakh crore on healthcare with Rs. 35,000 crore on COVID-19 vaccine development and inoculation.

(See BUDGET on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 1st February 2021

K. Ajit Narayan is BAI Mysore Chairman, A.S. Yoganarasimha Hon. Secretary

Ajit Narayan *Yoganarasimha*

Mysuru, Feb. 2- The following were elected as new office-bearers and Executive Committee members of Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, for the year 2021-2022 at the election held recently at *Hotel Royal Inn:*

Chairman (2021-22): K. Ajit Narayan; Vice-Chairman: Nagaraj V. Bairy; Hon. Secretary: A.S. Yoganarasimha; Hon. Joint Secretary: C.D. Krishna; Hon. Treasurer: G. Ashok; Imm. Past Chairman (2020-21): M. Rathnaraj; Chairman-Elect (2022-2023): R. Raghunath; Advisors: A.V. Sridhar and M.C. Mallikarjun; **General Council Members:** K. Sriram, N.S. Muralidhara and N. Subramanya; **Co-opted General Council Members:** R. Raghunath and Nagaraj Bairy.

Executive Committee Members: Ashwin R. Pallegar, K.S. Balaji, K. Dasarath, K.U. Ganapathi, K.R. Prabhakar Rao, M.D. Praveen Pal, P. Puttaswamy, K.M. Raghunath, B.H. Revani Prasad, S. Shashiraj, S.K. Shreyams Kumar, V. Srinath, S.H. Srinivas, D. Sriram (GSS) and S. Vasudevan; **Co-opted Executive Committee Members:** Chandrashekar Bharadwaj, T.S.Gurudatt, Bhargav V. Shinde, N. Lokesh, K.L. Gururaj and M.S. Balaji

MYREALTY - 21 Chairman: T.N. Parthasarathi; Chairman Elect: D. Srihari; Vice-Chairman: L. Arun Pandith; Hon. Secretary: S. Udai Kumar; Jt. Secretary: K.N. Ravishankar; Advisor: T.N. Hemanth; **BUILDTECH - 21 Chairman:** C. S. Srikanth, Chairman Elect: Venkatesh Prasad, Vice-Chairman: V. Gurudatta; Hon. Secretary: V. Mohan Kumar, Hon. Joint Secretary : H.S. Deepak, Advisor: M.S. Ramprasad; **MYBUILD - 21 Chairman:** K. Sathish Mohan, Vice-Chairman: Mahabaleshwara Bairy, Hon. Secretary: M.D. Chandrashekar, Hon. Joint Secretary: K.T. Govindaraju, Advisor: N. Subramanya.

Shilpi Co-ordinators: B. Rajesh Derira, A. Dinesh, K.S. Prakash, R. Ravi, S.R. Manjunatha Rao, P. Mahendra Reddy, Advisor: S. Mahadevaswamy; **Mysore Shilpi Editorial:** S. Shashiraj, Madhavi Gurushanthappa; **Membership Committee:** U.M. Gurushanthappa; **Construction Workers Welfare Committee:** M.V. Vinodkumar, S.L. Dinesh, C.U. Divakar, R. Ramesh Rao, S. Umesh; Advisor: K. Subramanya Rao.

Grievance Redressal And Opportunities: K.S. Balaji, N.S. Anand, Ashwin Palegar, K.C. Nandakumar, Senthil Kumar. Advisor: B.S. Dinesh; **Cultural Committee:** Mohan N. Kunte, H.B. Ravi Rathnakar, Anuradha Nandakumar, K.S. Geethasri Rao, Advisor: N.P. Vishwanath; **Overseas Co-ordinator:** M.S. Balaji, Santhosh Mirle, Advisor: K. Sriram.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

In the year of pandemic and distress, audiences have found a happier place in Regency era London. The historical romance *Bridgerton* ***has become*** *Netflix's* ***biggest ever global success, grabbing the top spot in India too. Romance has long been disparaged as a frivolous women's only genre, with a shallow plot and conventional arc that suggests redemption lies with a man more powerful than the heroine. But this is a reductive reading. Romance speaks to the fantasies of the woman reader in complex ways and it is the one genre where her satisfaction is central. In recent years, romance novels and rom-coms have become more diverse, and inclusive of a whole range of desires.*** *Bridgerton,* ***based on Julia Quinn's novels, made an even bolder leap into wish-fulfilment with its 'colour blind' casting, and its steamy sex scenes. It is not the only border-crossing bodice-ripper that has made it big and there have been other big romance successes on OTT platforms. Witty Korean dramas have also found a new global audience.***

Meanwhile in India, the news is rather loveless. An FIR was lodged for *A Suitable Boy* ***because a kissing scene in a temple hurt religious feelings. Other shows also have been in the court's crosshairs despite apologies and deletions. Of course our stories and legends and epics, our cultural legacies do not shy away from love's many splendours. Just because self-styled guardians have cramped imaginations, why should we have to content ourselves with happier situations in distant times and places?***

—In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Shaved ice dessert looks like noodles

Seoul: Stringed shaved ice called as Shiltarae bingsu, is a popular South Korean treat that consists of amazingly fine ice shavings that look like super-thin pasta.

Shiltarae bingsu is an incredibly airy and creamy treat that not only looks good but tastes great as well. It was allegedly invented a few years back by Seoul-based café and dessert lab Tiravento and has since become a staple dessert and a sought-after props for Instagram users. There is no denying the visual appeal of this treat, as the shaved ice actually looks like noodles before it starts to melt.

The machine developed by Tiravento shaves super light strands of flavored ice, which are then stacked in a bunch and served with a side of red beans, a scoop of ice-cream and cubed rice cakes. Bingsu is so light that it can easily be cut and eaten with a fork.

'Smart Glasses' can cure myopia

Tokyo: Japan's Kubota Pharmaceutical Holdings claims to have developed smart glasses that, if worn just an hour per day, can cure myopia.

Myopia, or nearsightedness, is a common ophthalmological condition where one can see near objects clearly, but far objects blurry. To correct this ophthalmological condition, spectacles, contact lenses or invasive refractive surgery is needed. But a Japanese company claims to have come up with a new way of dealing with myopia – a pair of "smart glasses" that project an image from the lens onto the wearer's retina to correct the refractive error that causes nearsightedness. Apparently, wearing the device 60 to 90 minutes a day corrects myopia.

Kubota Pharmaceutical is still testing the device, known as Kubota Glasses and trying to determine how much the awkward-looking goggles have to be worn for the correction to be permanent.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Telogen Effluvium

Fever is a common symptom of covid-19. A few months after having a high fever or recovering from an illness, many people see noticeable hair loss. People think of this as hair loss, its hair shedding and medically it is called telogen effluvium it can last for 6-9 months before it stops.

By Dr. Ravi S. - Consultant Dermatologist & Cosmetologist

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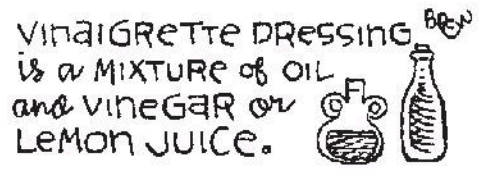


In the restaurant, vinaigrette dressing is a good choice. For keto dieters, you can enjoy blue cheese dressing because it's all fat and no sugar. At home, vary your dressing with different vinegars, like apple cider, balsamic or sherry; and different oils, like avocado, sesame or grape-seed. Add spices to taste.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JAN. 30	JAN. 31
Day's Positive Cases	34	53
Total Positive Cases	53,382	53,435
Day's Discharges	24	37
Total Discharges	52,143	52,180
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,025	1,025
Total Active Cases	213	229

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JAN. 29	JAN. 30
Target Beneficiaries	3,242	1,595
Target Achievement	1,264	552
Percentage Achieved	39.0	34.6
AEFI* Reported	0	0

Total Vaccinated till Jan. 30 — 33,445

NOTE: Daily COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign-2021 Report as per COVID-19 Nodal Officer for Vaccination and Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO), Mysuru. **** Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI).***

REALLY...?

- *Some apples can weigh about as much as a half gallon of milk.*
- *The world's smallest fruit—a utricle—is the size of a small ant.*
- *Corn is grown on every continent except Antarctica.*
- *Komodo dragons can devour 5 pounds of meat in less than a minute. Any extra fat they eat is stored in their tails.*
- *The quills on African porcupines are as long as three pencils.*
- *The TV remote is the dirtiest item in a typical household, hospital, or hotel room.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A guest calls the waiter and complains, *"How come there are no chairs at our table?!"*

The waiter shrugs, *"I'm sorry but you only booked one table!!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.08
1 UK Pound	= Rs.100.42
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.90
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.65

VOICE OF THE READER

Tilted traffic pole on
Ring Road needs attention

Sir,

As a concerned resident of Mysuru, I would like to raise the issue of an unsafe traffic pole present in Dattagalli Ring Road. As seen in the picture, the traffic pole is highly tilted. It would be on the verge of collapsing in the event of heavy showers or wind.

I am afraid that this hazardous traffic pole is potentially fatal. The fact that the traffic pole is present at a junction experiencing high traffic, right next to a KEB sub-station, further aggravates the matter.

Through *SOM*, I would like to draw the attention of authorities concerned and I hope that this pole will be repaired or replaced soon before it collapses and causes an avoidable accident.

—Malhar Satish Kulkarni
Mysuru
31.1.2021

COVID-19 vaccination drive temporarily suspended for four days to administer pulse polio drops

Dr. Sudhakar

Chikkaballapura, Feb.1 (SSV)- The ongoing vaccination drive against COVID-19 pandemic has been temporarily suspended for four days in view of pulse polio immunisation programme, according to Medical Education and Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

Talking to media persons here yesterday, he said in order to augment the staff for the pulse polio drive, there would be no COVID-19 vaccination for healthcare staff for the next four days (Jan. 31 to Feb.3). Instructions have been given to all district health officials in this regard, he added.

Stating that more than 60 lakh children in 0-5 years age group will get polio vaccine in the State, Dr. Sudhakar said even if the kids have got polio drops multiple times before, they should be immunised again until 5 years of age. Mobile units have been set up. There has been no case of polio in India since the past 11 years but the neighbouring countries like Pakistan and Afghanistan are still not polio-free. So as a preventive measure India is still conducting polio vaccination drive, he said.

COVID-19 pandemic has created economic slowdown. During these challenging times, PM Modi is leading the nation to build a strong and self-reliant nation. The budget this year will cater to aspirational India and give pace to economic recovery, he said.

Earlier, he took part in the polio vaccination launch event by Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa at his Home Office 'Krishna' in Bengaluru.

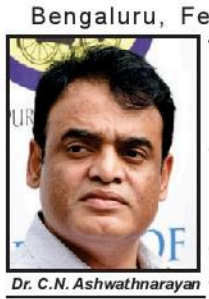
K-SET and UGC-NET Coaching at KSOU

Mysuru, Feb.1- Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Competitive Examination Coaching Centre has organised a 45-day coaching camp for Karnataka State Eligibility Test (K-SET) and University Grants Commission - National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET). Interested candidates can register their names before Feb.10 between 10 am and 4 pm at KSOU Office.

For more details, interested may call Ph: 0821-2515944.

Transfer of Govt. College lecturers not to exceed 15 percent

New guidelines issued



Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan

Bengaluru, Feb.1 (SSV)- Transfer of lecturers belonging to Government Degree, Engineering and Diploma Colleges will be done through counselling and it will not exceed 15 percent of the total number of teaching faculty, said Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who is also in-charge of Higher Education.

He told media persons that a separate notification had been issued by framing a new procedure for transfer of teaching staff of degree and technical colleges.

Those lecturers who have worked for 4 years in the same place were eligible for transfer and the quantum of transfer has been decided based on this factor. This would be applicable to the teaching staff of degree and technical educational institutions, the Minister said.

Dr. Ashwathnarayan said, "the transfer process which was on the back-burner for many years will be initiated and counselling dates will be announced soon. I am optimistic that the new procedure will be welcomed by all the sections."

Five Zones

As per the new procedure, the State will be classified into five Zones of A, B, C, D and E. BBMP limits will be considered as 'A'; Other Mahanagara Palikes except BDA and Bengaluru will fall under 'B' Zone; District Headquarters and City Municipal Council limits will be 'C'; Taluk Centres and Town Panchayats are categorised as 'D' and other areas except the above mentioned are 'E' Zones.

Those who have worked for 4 years in any of the Zones will be eligible to be transferred to any other Zone, the Deputy Chief Minister pointed out.

Of the total number of teaching staff in the above Colleges, 9 percent would be mandatorily transferred in view of public interest; 3 percent would be considered for transfer in case of husband-wife; one percent would be transferred in case of widows, divorcees, those who have to look after specially-abled, military and para-military services; one percent in the physically challenged category and one percent in those who are ailing with serious health issues, he said.

To maintain transparency

The intention of the Government is to maintain transparency in the transfer process and those who are in the same place for more than 4 years would be transferred without any lenience. Accordingly, the rules have been framed.

Earlier, the transfer process was to be like a mockery. Now, the whole system has been reformed and every step would be carried out online in a scientific manner. This would put an end to lecturers running around Ministers and officials or roaming to offices concerned, he observed.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Scholarship

The Babbur Kamme Sangha, having office on Sahukar Channaiah Road, Saraswathipuram, has invited applications from Babbur Kamme community students for availing student scholarship. The prescribed application forms are available at the Sangha office. Last date to apply is Feb. 10. [Mob: 96325-51192 or 98451-20070].

Nominated

Railway Pensioners Welfare Association (RPWA), Mysuru, has been nominated for the Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies for two years, based on best services to Pensioners and performance by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, New Delhi. Minister of Pension and Pensioners Welfare is the Chairman.

Articles invited

As part of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji Jayanti celebrations, JSS Mahavidyapeetha has organised a bi-monthly article contest for students of PUC, Degree, Post-Graduate degree and Polytechnic Colleges. The contest is on the topic 'Religion and Modern Day Challenges.' Students studying in the above mentioned courses and hailing from Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu and Hassan districts can send their self-written articles, not exceeding 8 pages, latest by Apr. 17, after getting sanction by their respective college heads. However, each college can send a maximum of five entries. All entries must be addressed to the Director, Publications Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Circle, Mysuru - 04. [Ph: 0821-2548211/ 223 and 2548212/ 224].

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	115.17 feet
Yesterday	:	115.22 feet
Inflow	:	441 cusecs
Outflow	:	814 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Yesterday	:	2,271.79 feet
Inflow	:	188 cusecs
Outflow	:	300 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,822.73 feet
Inflow	:	100 cusecs
Outflow	:	30 cusecs

Drinking water crisis in rural areas

Mysuru ZP members to take a delegation to Vidhana Soudha

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (RK&DM)- With rural areas of Mysuru facing a drinking water crisis, members of Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) have decided to go on a delegation to Vidhana Soudha, the seat of power, in order to draw the attention of the Government.

The decision was taken at the ZP General Meeting held at ZP Hall here Saturday, which was chaired by ZP President Parimala Shyam.

Former ZP President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath at the ZP General Meeting held at ZP Hall on Saturday.

Soon as the meeting began, several members expressed anguish over the working of RO Plants across the district. Alleging that contaminated water containing germs is coming out of RO Plants and other drinking water units, the members questioned over the quality of RO Plants that have been installed in their constituencies.

Former ZP President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath wanted the ZP to shut down such RO Plants and pure drinking water units which are delivering contaminated and unsafe drinking water.

Responding to the charges, engineers in-charge of rural drinking water supply said that there are 608 pure drinking water units, out of which 572 are working while the rest are under repair. The Government has been sent a proposal on the maintenance and repair of all drinking water units and RO Plants, they said and added that necessary measures will be taken for supply of drinking water to all villages.

ZP Members Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, Venkataswamy and Achyutananda alleged that the funds reserved for setting up RO Plants under Special Component Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) schemes have been misused by officials and sought to know the action taken against errant officials.

ZP CEO B.A. Paramesh said that a fact-finding report has said that pure drinking water units funded by SCP and TSP grants have been set up in areas where SC/ST population do not live. The Government will be sent a report in this regard and disciplinary action will be taken within two weeks against those officials who are found guilty of wrongdoing.

However, the members not satisfied with the ZP CEO's reply, wanted registration of an FIR against errant officials for misuse of funds meant for SC/ ST schemes.

Some members alleged that the door delivery of nutritious food undertaken by the Women and Child Welfare Department was not going on in an appropriate manner. Admitting that the allegations levelled were true to a large extent, ZP President Parimala Shyam said that a team will be formed to probe the charges. The team will be asked to submit its report in a week, she added.

Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, who raised the issue of MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) grant dues, alleged that Hunsur taluk was yet to get Rs. 7 crore dues under the scheme and wondered what the Government was doing to provide employment to the rural masses.

ZP CEO Paramesh said that the district has set a target of Rs. 137 crore for the execution of MGNREGA scheme, out of which the Government has released Rs. 119 crore, while there is a due of Rs. 34 crore, inclusive of additional works that were carried out under the scheme. The Government will be appealed to release the funds, he added.

ZP Member from Mysuru taluk Chandrika Suresh accused the Asst. Director of Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) of hosting a dinner at his office in violation of norms. Claiming that she had proof of hosting the dinner, she also alleged that the official had allowed his wife to distribute sports equipments to beneficiaries.

Responding to the allegations, DYES Assistant Director Omprakash said that he took charge only on Sept. 7 last year and subsequently members of several sports and cultural organisations came to his office to greet him. At the same time, his wife and other members of his family too arrived at the office all of a sudden and cut a cake. This is actually what happened, he said and denied the allegations that he had hosted a dinner party at his office.

Clarifying on the issue of distribution of sports equipment by his wife, Omprakash said that 9 coaches of the Department were distributed sports wear, out of which the last two were distributed by his wife after some of the programme attendants asked him to do so.

There is no corruption or illegality in the purchase or distribution of sports wear and equipment, he maintained and added that he was ready for any probe into the matter.

MP assures Kabini water to Roopanagar

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (OSR)- A delegation of residents of Roopanagar, led by Mukund Peshwa, Balakrishna and other senior members of Deepa Housing Society met Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha at his office in Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur Road recently and urged him to take up the issue of drinking water at Roopanagar.

They submitted a memorandum to the MP bringing to his notice that Roopanagar is a 25-year-old layout with more than 700 houses. However, till date there is no supply of municipal drinking water to the layout.

The residents told the MP that Deepa Housing Society has made payments to the tune of crores of rupees to Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) for making a provision of drinking water and sewage system to Roopanagar. However, MUDA, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Gram Panchayat (GP) have failed to supply potable water even after several appeals.

The MP was also made aware of the fact that currently water supply to the residents is being done thrice a week using groundwater sources in the layout which not only are depleting by the day but also hard with high levels of TDS (Total Dissolved Solids). This high concentration of calcium and magnesium ions makes it unfit for domestic use without softening treatment. This has caused a lot of anguish among the residents, they said. The residents appealed to Pratap Simha to direct the authorities to provide Kabini water to the residents of Roopanagar immediately and help end their suffering.

The MP gave the delegation a patient hearing and said that he and his team were in constant touch with all Government Departments and was in the process of addressing and rectifying certain technical snags that is delaying the process of Kabini water supply. He, however, assured the delegation that these technical issues will be resolved early and Kabini water would be supplied to the residents of Roopanagar and Bogadi.

City's lone COVID Maternity Hospital delivers 278 healthy babies

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (MTY&BCT)- Notwithstanding the UNICEF warning that COVID-19 containment measures can disrupt life-saving health services such as childbirth care, putting pregnant mothers and their babies at great risk, Mysuru has beaten the trend and has seen the birth of 278 healthy babies at State-run Lakshmidevamma Shankarashetty Maternity Hospital in VV Puram (Jayalakshmipuram).

Pregnant women are considered to be in the high-risk category and in case they tested positive, they were admitted to Lakshmidevamma Shankarashetty Hospital that was converted into an exclusive COVID Maternity Hospital. Notably all positive women who turned up at the Hospital delivered healthy babies and not a single death or ill health was reported.

From today, Feb. 1, the Hospital will be converted into a normal maternity hospital like before. "In case a COVID-positive pregnant woman comes here for delivery, she will be sent to the District Hospital that is now a COVID Healthcare Facility. We have sanitised the Lakshmidevamma Shankarashetty Hospital and non-COVID positive women can get admitted here for deliveries," District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. T. Amaranth told *Star of Mysore*.

When the pandemic was at its peak in Mysuru in March 2020, the need was felt for an exclusive maternity hospital as the women could not be admitted to Cheluvamba Hospital due to risk factors. Also, many private hospitals were refusing to admit pregnant women as they did not want to take the risk.

Following this, the then Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar had directed the DHO to establish an exclusive maternity hospital. After the Lakshmidevamma Shankarashetty Hospital was converted as exclusive facility for COVID-positive pregnant women in April 2020, the first childbirth was reported on June 20, 2020. The last delivery as COVID maternity hospital was reported on Jan. 7, 2021. The Hospital has 30 beds, three wards, three OPDs, labour room and an operation theatre.

Smt. Lakshmidevamma Shankarashetty Maternity Hospital becomes non-COVID Hospital from today

Hospital doctors and staff wore PPE kits and took other preventive measures during deliveries. The Hospital employees were extra cautious to ensure that no harm was caused to either mother or child. All measures were followed to ensure the babies do not contract any virus.

It was quite challenging for Dr. G. Malathi, the Hospital's Administrative Officer (AO) and Dr. Kempegowda, — who took over as AO from Dr. Malathi in December after she was transferred to District Hospital — to handle a crisis situation. But they administered the Hospital well and the results are there for everyone to see.

Till now, 278 babies were delivered at the Hospital and of that 127 were normal deliveries and 151 Caesarean Section births. 147 were baby boys and 131 were baby girls. There are four doctors serving at the Hospital and over 26 healthcare employees of various ranks.

District Hospital next?

Meanwhile, DHO Dr. Amarnath said a decision on re-converting District Hospital on KRS Road as non-COVID Hospital will be taken during second week of February. In all probability, it would become non-COVID Hospital from March 1.

However, as a precautionary measure, one block would be reserved in case of spike in Corona positive cases. In fact, the number of positive cases has dropped to just 211 in the district, he added.

Lakshmidevamma Shankarashetty Hospital staff sanitising the wards.

A group photo of the Doctors and Staff of Lakshmidevamma Shankarashetty Maternity Hospital.

MP identifies waste dump plots on Ring Road

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (RKB&BCT)- Close on the heels of Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar forming six teams of Government officials to clean up the mess and to watch out for those who dump garbage on the 43.5-km Outer Ring Road (ORR), Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha visited some of the stretches yesterday. The 43.5-km stretch is a part of National Highway. Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde accompanied the MP.

The MP said that each Department including Public Works Department (PWD), Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR), State Highways, Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL), Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and MCC have been given the responsibility of maintaining certain stretches of the entire Ring Road.

"We will start asphalting of the road out of Rs. 161 crore released by the Centre. Waste collected from KRS Road Junction till T. Narasipur Road must be dumped at 19-acre plot near Sathagalli Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) and the waste collected from Vijayanagar, Bogadi and Dattagalli till Nanjangud Road must be dumped at Sewage Farm in Vidyaranyapuram," the MP said.

Mysuru youth drowns in Thonnur Lake

Body yet to be traced

Pandavapura, Feb. 1 (Mohan Raj&KS)- A 19-year-old youth, who had gone to Thonnur Lake in Pandavapura taluk of Mandya district, was drowned in the lake yesterday. The deceased is Mohammed Sanjeem, son of Mohammed Zakir Hussain, a resident of Mysuru.

Sanjeem, along with four of his friends, had gone to Thonnur Lake, a tourist spot. It is learnt that he got drowned when he went for a swim last evening.

Fire & Emergency Services and Police personnel, who rushed to the spot on receiving information, began an operation to trace the body and had to stop the operation as it got dark.

The search operation resumed this morning and efforts were being made to trace the body, when we went to the Press at 12.30 pm. A case has been registered at Pandavapura Police Station.

Girl student commits suicide

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (MK&KS)- A 20-year-old girl student committed suicide by hanging self at her house on Ramanuja Road here yesterday.

The deceased is Disha Bhaskar, daughter of H.V. Bhaskar, who was pursuing her second year PU course at a private college in city.

Disha, who was active on Saturday, committed suicide at her room and the incident came to light the next morning.

Reason for her extreme step is yet to be known.

KR Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

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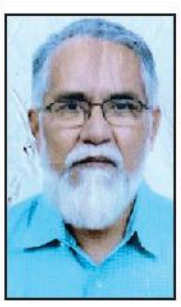

Mir Shafiq-ur-Rahman

Mysuru, Feb. 1- Mir Shafiq-ur-Rahman (67), a Class 1 Electrical Contractor and a resident of Bannimantap, passed away in the wee hours of today following brief illness. He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza today after Asar prayer at Tipu Masjid, HUDCO, Bannimantap, followed by the burial at Muslim Burial Ground near Tipu Circle.

POLICY POLITICS & PEOPLE

The Mathematics of Cabinet Formation in Karnataka

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

Recently, one saw a mockery of the statement ***'first amongst equals'*** in the State of Karnataka. Constitutionally, the head of Government is the Chief Minister at the State-level while the Prime Minister at the National-level. Convention demands that legislators of the party with a majority, meet and elect their leader who then takes over as the head of the Government. What we see happening across different States in India is the phenomenon that is today popularly called the **'high command culture.'** Leaders of national parties sitting in Delhi decide on the leader of their State Legislature Party. Democracy, decency, dignity of the individual, people's choice and decorum of office seem to be fashion statements used more often to justify actions rather than demonstrate conviction in them.

The last several months saw this dance off a weakening democratic setup play out in Karnataka. Engineering a ruling majority meant satisfying the people responsible for creating the majority in the first place. This meant, promises were made that were neither fair, ethical or in alignment with Constitutional appreciation of Government formation or expectations of electoral outcomes. Newspaper headlines kept predicting a Cabinet reshuffle from the day B.S. Yediyurappa took over as the Chief Minister of Karnataka. Here was a man known for his uncontested leadership within his party, succumbing to the demands of political opportunism. His oft declared position was that he was waiting to discuss the Cabinet reshuffle with senior leaders of his party at Delhi and he would do it when appointments for the same were secured.

While this dragged on for several months, he was possibly aware of the Damocles' sword hanging around his neck. Finally, when the much-awaited reshuffle did happen, little could he have known that he would be reshuffling portfolios four times within five consecutive days. While he may have desired to choose Ministers of his liking, one felt that he was helplessly responding to the evolving situation by the day. The notion of the Chief Minister being the first amongst equals was reduced to just playing the second fiddle to 'diktats' from above, below and beside.

Appointing Ministers is to be driven by considerations of technical competence, ability to govern, the leadership that one can provide and the intent to play as a member of the team. One is expected to operate with a reasonable degree of autonomy keeping in mind the larger party ideology, party manifesto and the people's requirements. Over time other factors like party loyalty, seniority, number of times that one has become an MLA, the caste and region that one belongs to and the mass support that one can visibly mobilise have all become critical. The last decade of coalition Governments has also brought in the budget size of the Ministry concerned, the visible power that a Minister feels content with, the 'opportunity' that a Ministry can generate, the favours that one can distribute in one's Constituency, the physical office that one can get and other such petty considerations a matter of importance to negotiate. Governance and an opportunity to serve the public are mere incidental mentions to honey coat one's personal and selfish demands.

With Article 164 (1A) of the Constitution limiting the number of Ministers in the State Cabinets, the Chief Minister is now under enormous pressure to choose his Council of Ministers keeping in mind all the factors described above. Added to this, for Chief Minister Yediyurappa was the factual reality of ensuring the survival of the Government or his own Chief Ministership if too many disgruntled MLAs jumped ship.

While each Minister is entitled to the perks and privileges of the office that they hold, one must keep in mind that the primacy of being a ***'public-servant'*** is to ***'serve the public.'*** The responsibilities that go with the office of being a Minister is to provide executive and political leadership in ensuring the mandate of the Ministry that one heads. The Minister is to take the final responsibility in ensuring the planned outcomes of his/her Ministry is attained, the budget is efficiently spent and themselves and their personnel are accountable to the people who have elected their Government.

Considering the current reality of COVID, the state of the economy, the need to ensure investments in the social sector, the falling revenues of the State and the overall sense of despondency, one would expect the Chief Minister and his cabinet to lose sleep over the problems of the people and not get entangled in their own problems of 'power' and 'position'. This will require competence, commitment, a great degree of selflessness and the desire to work in tandem with each other rather than spend time bickering amongst themselves and failing to deliver as a team. The Chief Minister should bear the cross and either discipline his colleagues or find others who are willing to be the kind of Ministers the situation currently demands.

While it is the prerogative of the head of Government to appoint his Council of Ministers provided the Constitutional obligations are met, the people must understand that tolerating mediocrity is as much a contributing factor as being indifferent to what is happening around us. One must bear in mind the popular adage that the people will get the Government they deserve. This will mean a more responsible and mature engagement of the citizenry when it comes to voting, when it comes to engaging with the political powers that be and in resisting the temptation of asking for personal favours of the people that one elects.

Demanding responsible, responsive and corruption-free governance can only happen when the 'public' hold themselves responsible in playing their part as 'citizens'. And till that happens, all that one can do is to be a silent by-stander waiting for the 'mythical' strong leader to appear and clean up the system for us.

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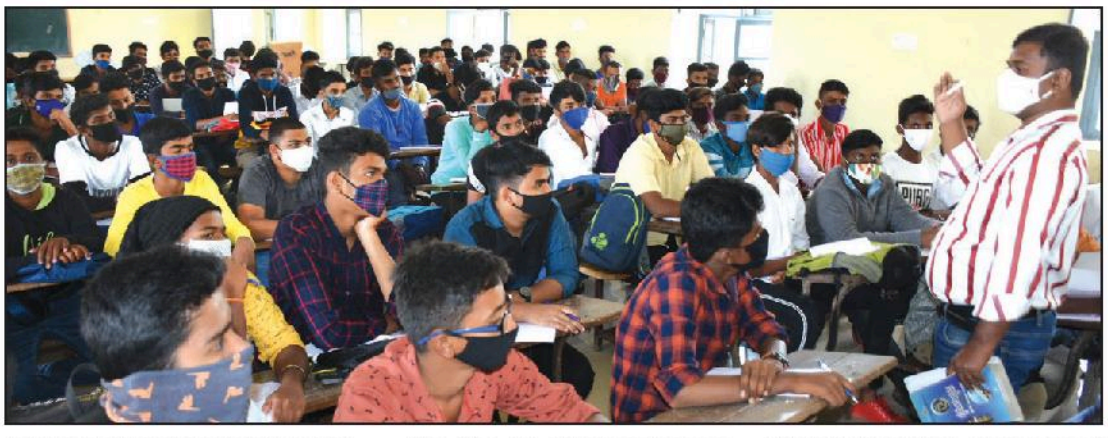
Physical classes begin for 1st PU, 9th std. students

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (RK&DM)- After over ten months of closure due to COVID-19-induced nationwide lockdown in March last year, physical classes for 1st PU began in city and district this morning, much to the cheer of students.

The Government had last week announced that physical classes (also called offline classes) for 1st PU and 9th standard will commence across the State from Feb. 1, with all COVID-19 precautionary and safety measures in place at all colleges.

DDPUE Nagamallesh told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the physical classes for 1st PU students began from today with all colleges required to mandatorily follow the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) issued by the State and Central Governments.

Noting that classes have begun with COVID-19 precautionary and safety measures such as wearing of face mask, maintenance of physical distance and thermal screening, he said that there are 74 Government, 32 aided and 156 unaided PU colleges in city and district and most of them have recorded an impressive student attendance of 70 to 80 percent on the first day today.



He further said that he visited some of the PU colleges in city as well as in other parts of the district earlier this morning and took stock of the measures that have been taken in accordance with COVID-19 protocol.

The 2nd PU physical classes got started last December itself, after the State Govt., based on the Centre's guidelines, allowed it. Meanwhile, the 9th standard physical classes too began today across the State.

DDPI Dr. Panduranga told *Star of Mysore* that the offline classes for 9th standard students began today at all schools in the district with schools required to comply with the SOPs issued by the Government. Pointing out that the safety and health of students attending physical classes is of utmost importance, he said that all COVID-19 safety measures are in place at schools and the parents can feel safe sending their wards to schools.

He further said that children attended the classes with a joyful mood on the first day today and the attendance in most of the schools was good. The Department has taken all necessary measures to ensure that classes are run smoothly and without any hassles, he added.

Mixopathy: Doctors on Nationwide relay hunger strike from today

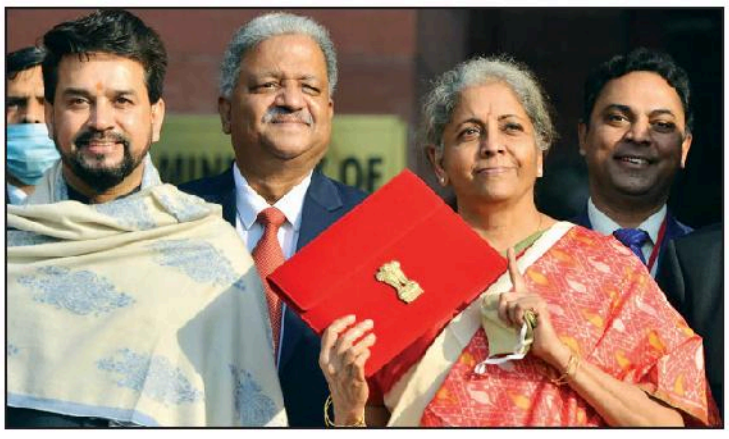
Mysuru, Kodagu counterparts to join stir in B'luru on Feb. 3

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (PM&KS)- As part of the nationwide relay hunger strike from today (Feb. 1) till Feb. 14, Indian Medical Association (IMA), which had opposed the Government's move to allow Ayurvedic doctors to perform surgeries, will be staging a relay hunger strike from today.

Meanwhile, IMA Mysuru President Dr. B.N. Anandaravi said that 30 doctors (IMA members) from Mysuru and Kodagu will be joining their counterparts in Bengaluru and will stage a relay hunger strike for 24 hours from Feb. 3 morning to Feb. 4 morning in front of IMA building at Chamarajapet in Bengaluru.

IMA has been openly opposing such policy moves by the Centre, especially the plan to mix modern medicine with traditional systems of AYUSH.

FM replaces Bahi Khata with 'Made in India' tablet



New Delhi, Feb. 1 (UNI)- The Union Budget 2021 was presented in paperless form for the first time, with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman seen holding a 'Made in India' tablet in a red case instead of the conventional brown briefcase or 'bahi khata' as she posed for the media ahead of Parliament session.

The colonial legacy of carrying the Budget papers in briefcase was dropped last year by Nirmala Sitharaman when she, for the first time in the history of Independent India, carried the Budget in a "bahi khata", wrapped in a red-cloth.

Then she had said the Modi Government was not a "suit-case-carrying Government", seen as a retort to Congress' "suit-boot sarkar" jibe. The decision to opt for a tablet this time also reinforces Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious "Digital India" mission. In 1947, India's first Finance Minister R.K. Shanmukham Chetty carried a leather portfolio to present the first Budget.

This is the third consecutive Budget to be presented by Sitharaman. Her maiden Budget presentation was in July 2019 when she was appointed as the Union Finance Minister after the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi won the Lok Sabha elections in May 2019 for the second time. It will also be the ninth straight Budget (including two interim budgets) of the NDA Government which had come to power in 2014.

Last month, the Government launched the "Union Budget Mobile App" on the occasion of the Halwa ceremony to enable MPs and people to access Budget documents digitally. It was launched as no Budget papers will be printed this year in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

BUDGET FACTS

2021-2022	:	First paperless Budget in Indian History
2021-2022	:	Ninth Budget of Modi-led NDA Government
90	:	Number of Budgets presented since India gained independence
220	:	Number of paragraphs in Pranab Mukherjee's final Budget Speech in 2012
2	:	Finance Ministers — I.K. Gujral (stint of 9 days) and H.N. Bahuguna (7 months) — couldn't present Budgets
Power of eight	:	Morarji Desai was the longest serving Finance Minister - 5 years under Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and 3 under Indira Gandhi.
'Black Budget'	:	The Union Budget of 1973-74, presented by the then Finance Minister Y. B. Chavan, was known as 'Black Budget' because that year, the Budget deficit was Rs. 550 crore.
800	:	Number of words in the shortest-ever interim Budget Speech by H.M. Patel in 1977
2.5 Hours	:	Taken by Arun Jaitley to finish the longest Budget presentation in 2015
1994	:	The year services tax was introduced by Dr. Manmohan Singh in Budget
92	:	Number of years after which Rail Budget has been merged with the Union Budget
3	:	PMs who presented the Budget — Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi
1964-1965	:	T.T. Krishnamachari as Finance Minister introduced voluntary disclosure of concealed income scheme
1987	:	PM Rajiv Gandhi introduced Corporate Tax

Rs. 2.2 lakh crore for health;

Rs. 35k crore for COVID vaccines

Rs. 1.1 lakh crore for Railways

New Delhi, Feb. 1 (UNI)- The Government has put a big focus on healthcare in the Union Budget amid the Coronavirus pandemic. In the Union Budget 2021 presented this morning, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the 'PM Aatmanirbhar Swasth Bharat', to be launched with an outlay of Rs. 64,180 crore over six years.

A supplementary sum of Rs. 35,000 crore has also been proposed, which will be used to procure and distribute COVID vaccines in the country. "The overall health and welfare budget outlay for the year 2021-22 is pegged at Rs. 2,23,846 crore. This will develop the capacity of primary and secondary care, besides strengthening the national institutions," Sitharaman said while announcing that the Government will set up 15 health emergency centres across the country.

"The Government is committed to provide more funds. The Budget outlay for health and welfare is Rs. 2,23,846 crore, an increase of 137 per cent," she added. Sitharaman also said that the Budget proposals will strengthen the 'Sankalp of Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

Nirmala Sitharaman allocated a record amount of Rs. 1.1 lakh crore for the Indian Railways. "Out of the total, Rs. 1,07,100 crore will be provided for capital expenditure in 2021-22," the Finance Minister said. She further said that Indian Railways have prepared a national rail plan for India 2030. The plan is to create a future ready Railway system by 2030. "Bringing down the logistic costs of an industry is at the core of our strategy to enable Make in India," Sitharaman said.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Customs duty on some auto parts to be raised to 15 percent.
- Late deposit of employee's contribution to PF by employers will not be allowed as deduction to employer.
- Tax holiday for start-ups increased by one more year - till March 31, 2022.
- Affordable Housing – Additional Interest deduction (Sec 80EEA) of Rs.1.5 lakh to be extended for loans taken till 31st March, 2022.
- Affordable Housing Projects – Tax Holiday extended till 31st March, 2022.
- Relief to Trusts – Charitable Trusts running Hospitals and Educational Institutions relief increased from Rs.1 crore to Rs.5 crore.
- Forthcoming Census could be India's first digital Census and Rs. 3,768 crore has been allocated for FY21.
- Allocation to rural infra development increased to Rs. 40,000 crore in next fiscal from Rs. 30,000 crore in FY21.
- NRIs to be spared from double taxation. New rules will be notified.
- Tax audit limit increased from Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 10 crore.
- 1,000 more mandis will be integrated with electronic national market.
- Over 15,000 schools to be qualitatively strengthened under National Education Policy (NEP).
- Operation green scheme to cover 22 more perishable commodities.
- Rs. 1,500 crore for promoting digital mode of payment.
- Disinvestment receipts at Rs. 1.75 lakh crore for fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021.
- Setting up of conciliatory mechanism for quick resolution of contractual disputes.
- Introduction of National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill.
- National language translation initiative proposed.
- 100 new Sainik Schools will be opened.
- Dividend payments to REIT (Real Estate Investment Trusts) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts exempt from TDS.
- To further ease filing of IT Returns, details of capital gains and interest from banks, post offices, etc., will be pre-filled.
- Faceless dispute resolution mechanism for small tax-payers.

Union Budget presented

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Nirmala Sitharaman also announced that the advance tax liability on dividend income shall arise after declaration of payment of dividend. At the conclusion of her speech, Sensex rose 1420.03 points, and at 1 pm was at 47,705.80; Nifty up by 362.70 points, currently at 13,997.30.

Sitharaman, in her speech, announced a push to the textile industry, a hike in custom duty on cotton and raw silk, a new cess on agriculture development, a Central University in Leh, a focus on sea-weed farming with a new facility in Tamil Nadu and a new vehicle scrapping policy that aims to provide the auto sector a boost among other announcements.

The Finance Minister also announced that an additional 1 crore families will now benefit under the Centre's Ujjwala Scheme. Four poll-bound States (Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Assam and West Bengal) will see significant spending on Highway expansion.

Boon for women

Social security benefits will be extended to gig and platform workers. Minimum wages will apply to all categories of workers. Women will be allowed to work in all categories and also in night shifts with adequate protection. To further extend efforts towards unorganised labour force, I propose to launch a portal to collect relevant information on gig workers, building/construction workers among others. It'll help formulate health, housing, skill, and insurance credit and food schemes for migrant workers," the FM said.

Sitharaman said over Rs. 2.33 lakh crore will be outlaid for the health sector and Rs. 35,000 crore will be spent on COVID vaccines. India has two COVID-19 vaccines and two more will be soon launched. She said that a new Centrally-sponsored scheme PM Aatmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana will be launched with an outlay of Rs. 64,180 crore over six years to develop capacities of healthcare systems, develop institutions for detection and cure of new and emerging disease.

The Lok Sabha passed the Union Budget 2021-22 with a voice vote. The House has been adjourned till 10 am tomorrow.

Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

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Countering bickering at work place

While at work each individual tries to bring out the best and their capabilities, however, is most often overshadowed due to a not-so-friendly colleague who could be unhappy of your success or it could be a boss who is not satisfied in spite of your sincere efforts at work. This often dampens the enthusiasm and one tends to mellow down and eventually lose interest in their career and pursuits.

Over a period of time, the burden increases causing stress in their personal life and has a strong implication at their homes as they carry their problems back home.

When you are sidelined or hurt when at work due to the attitude of your colleagues, the first reaction would be of swelling anger and you may be unable to digest the new changes, feeling of defeat and sadness.

The continued suppression would only lead to a situation wherein you would like to quit as you are helpless. This may not be the solution as similar situations may resurface even when you change your job. Hence, the best thing would be to create a positive frame of mind, strong aura and a supportive environment at work and home.

If you are having a troublesome colleague, who is not only nosy but cannot stand if your work is being recognised by the organisation or someone who tries to terrorise you with his attitude, don't be intimated, stand up and let him know that you will not take it kindly and don't cower or shout but be level headed, firm and clear, most importantly drive home your message by speaking while looking into the eye.

> Ensure you don't sit with your back to entry/ exit , try to add more lights (if you can) to your work desk in the form of desk lamps, you could place small plants with round leaves.

Adapting some time-tested methods of Vastu and Feng Shui, one can create right harmony and ensure that such unpleasant situations do not occur. Explore possibility of re-arranging work desk and if you are in cubicle type seating, you do not have much choice, yet you could do few things.

Ensure you don't sit with your back to entry/ exit , try to add more lights (if you can) to your work desk in the form of desk lamps, you could place small plants with round leaves. A bamboo plant in water is also considered good when placed towards the North of your desk space. A whiff of freshness in the form of small air fresheners especially lime or citronella-based flavour would dispel the negative Chi around your workspace.

Add colours in the form of pin ups or posters (it could be motivational posters too). You could even have small hand towels on your chair arm rest with Yang colours like red, yellow and orange. Colours like green and purple symbolise wealth and would be more appropriate for those in sales.

Remember, these suggestions would be supportive to you and bring out the best within you if you can stand up for yourself when things don't go the way it should.

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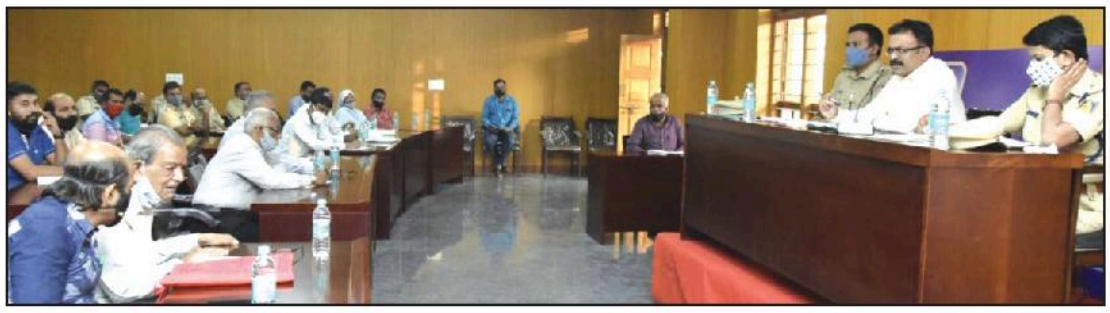
Senior citizens can call 1090 or 112 in time of distress: Police Chief



ON THE DAIS: ***City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta flanked by DCPs Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and M.S. Geetha Prasanna during a meeting on 'Safety and Protection of Senior Citizens' in city on Jan. 28.***

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (SSV)- Senior citizens, are you in distress and want immediate help? Don't hesitate to call Senior Citizens Helpline Number 1090 or 112.

Chairing a meeting on 'Safety and Protection of Senior Citizens' with Senior Citizens Helpline, Police Helpline and heads of various Old Age Homes in city, at his office in city on Jan. 28, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta gave a detailed account of various services for senior citizens which included separate Helpline No. 1090.

He said that the Department was committed to provide safety and protection to senior citizens and they can seek help from Police anytime in case of distress or emergency.

Heads of 24 institutions working for Senior Citizens welfare and three Old Age Homes attended the meeting.

DCPs Dr.A.N. Prakash Gowda and M.S. Geetha Prasanna and Inspectors were present.

Cauvery Heart & Multi-Speciality Hospital launches Cauvery Cancer Centre

Mysuru, Feb. 1- Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital, Siddarthanagar, in Mysuru, has started oncology services through Cauvery Cancer Centre (CCC).

The CCC was launched by Dr. C. Ramachandra, Director, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Cancer Research & Training Centre, Bengaluru, by inaugurating the Chemotherapy Ward.

The programme was presided by Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar, Chairman of Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital.

It was explained in detail that CCC has added services of Screening/ Diagnostic Services in Oncology, Chemotherapy, Surgical Intervention, Oncoplasty, Key Hole Surgeries supported by Pain Clinic and Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services like Physiotherapy, Speech Therapy and other allied services.

Cancer Care Patients under this centre can be treated under TPA Insurance, BPL Card Holders, ESI, ABY, Govt.Employees and all related segment.

Dr. Sarala Chandrashekar, Managing Director, Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital, Dr. B.N. Rajeeva, Medical Superintendent, Dr. Girish, Consultant Oncosurgeon, Dr. R.M. Aravind, Consultant Laparoscopic Surgeon, B.J. Sandeep Patel, Facility Director, all the consultants of Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital, were present during the function.

Lecture series held

Mysuru, Feb. 1- On the occasion of its Platinum Jubilee year, Sarada Vilas College, Krishnamurthypuram, had organised a lecture series at AV Hall of the institute on Jan. 21.

Resource person Dr. Mahadeva, Visiting Professor, Department of English, University of Mysore (UoM), delivered a lecture on the topic 'Science and Commerce in Literature.' "Literature is a mirror of one's life and it has the capacity in making a human being evolve intellectually. It plays a pivotal role in people to express their emotions in an appropriate manner. Science and Commerce are an integral part of literature," he said.

Sarada Vilas College Principal Dr. M. Devika presided. Department of Commerce and Business Administration Dean Prof. Satyanarayana was present.

English Department Faculty V.S. Pooja and U.R. Swathi coordinated the event. Students Nethra rendered invocation, Amrut Sagan welcomed, Swathi introduced guest and Tejas proposed a vote of thanks.

Ganabharathi's online classes

Mysuru, Feb. 1- For the benefit of students interested in learning music, Ganabharathi is organising online music classes every Monday and Saturday at 9 am.

On the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary of Mysore T. Chowdiah, it has organised teaching sessions comprising the compositions of Mysore T. Chowdiah. This is the second in the series.

In these sessions, Vidu. G.S. Rajalakshmi, Vidu. R.N. Srilatha, Vidu. Vasudha Keshav and Vid. A. Chandan Kumar will teach compositions of Mysore T. Chowdiah. They are available on Ganabharathi Facebook page and YouTube channels.

Details of the classes are as follows: **Feb. 5:** Vidu. R.N. Srilatha teaches kriti Saketharama set to raga Charukeshi; **Feb. 8:** Vid. Mysore A. Chandan Kumar - Kriti Devi Poornamangal Kamakshi set to Raga Dhanyasi; **Feb. 12:** Vid. Mysore A. Chandan Kumar - Kriti Idi Manchi Samayamu set to raga Kiravani; **Feb. 15:** Vidu. Vasudha Keshav - kriti Sharavanabhava set to raga Kunthalavarali; **Feb. 19:** Vidu. R.N. Srilatha - Tillana in raga Hamirkalyani; **Feb. 22:** Vidu. Vasudha Keshav - Kriti Prasanna Seetha in raga Thodi; **Feb. 26:** Vid. Mysore A. Chandan Kumar - kriti Sadapadmanabha in raga Saranga; **Mar. 1:** Vidu. R.N. Srilatha - kriti Venugopala set to raga - Kambodhi. For details, contact Mob: 99000-82773.

CFTRI imparts technical training to women entrepreneurs of Bilikere

Members of Asare Sanjeevini Food Products-Bilikere are seen with Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, CFTRI, Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta, Executive Director, GRAAM, Dr. Rajesh Matche, Head-TTBD, CFTRI and Girish, Executive Office of Hunsur Taluk Panchayat.

Mysuru, Feb. 1- CSIR-CFTRI (Central Food Technological Research Institute) and GRAAM (Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement) had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Aug. 20, 2020 to provide a mutual technical-social collaboration to establish rural livelihood initiatives in India.

As part of the MoU, CFTRI will extend the technology transfer of two products — Convenience flour suitable for Stiff Porridge (Ragi Mudde Mix) and Malted weaning food (Ragi Shishuposhan) — through technical training to the women entrepreneurs of Bilikere women collective Asare Sanjeevini Food Products.

Week-long training was conducted by Dr. Usha Dharmaraj and team from CFTRI, who has an expertise in processing of millets and pseudo cereals, weaning food, etc.

About 14 women from Asare Sanjeevini Food Products participated in the training programme from Jan. 18 to 23 and learnt the process involved in preparing the above two products for their social business initiative at Bilikere. The training was held at CFTRI.

Upon successful completion of week-long hands-on training, a valedictory and certificate distribution programme was held on Jan. 23 at CFTRI.

Executive Director of GRAAM Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta, Director of CFTRI Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Head of TTBD at CFTRI Dr. Rajeshwar Matche, Dr. Usha Dharmaraj and Dr. Satyendra Rao from CFTRI and the staff of CFTRI and GRAAM were present on the occasion.

Susheela, Project Director, ZP (Zilla Panchayat), Mysuru and Girish, Executive Office of Taluk Panchayat, Hunsur and NRLM (National Rural Livelihood Mission) field staff were also part of the programme apart from the aspiring women entrepreneurs of Asare Sanjeevini.

Director of CFTRI, Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, expressed that empowering women will empower the family thereby empower the nation. She appreciated the efforts of GRAAM and said that CFTRI will always be open to extend any technical support in making the initiative a successful one.

Dr. Basavaraju thanked CFTRI for joining hands with GRAAM in its social initiative and agreeing to extend its support in such future initiatives. Dr. Rajeshwar Matche welcomed. Dr. Usha Dharmaraj compered.

"Balanced diet must for individuals' growth"

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (SSV)- Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, has stressed the need for a balanced diet for the growth of individuals.

She was speaking after inaugurating Government of India's Department of Science and Technology (DST)-sponsored six-week Technology-based Entrepreneurship Development Programme (TEDP) on "Food Technology" organised by the Entrepreneurship Development Cell and Institution Innovation Council of GSSS Institute of Engineering & Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, here recently.

Briefing on the growth of India in food sector, Dr. Singh stressed on the importance of food technology in today's world and gave an insight on the processing technologies available at CFTRI. She also advised the students to update themselves with the advancements in recent technologies.

The main objective of this programme was to train potential entrepreneurs with graduation and diploma background. Fifty persons are participating in this programme. They are provided with hands-on training in indigenous technologies development with R&D institutions which were available for commercial use.

Eminent resource persons from CFTRI, Defence Food & Research Laboratory (DFRL) and other Government sectors were handling topics including entrepreneurship, scheme of assistance, project selection and its pre-feasibility, soft skill development, consolidation of business idea, business plan preparation and technical training.

Dr. S. Padmashree, Professor, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering (ECE) and Principal Investigator of this programme, who welcomed, briefed the activities of this six-week TEDP and its importance. Dr. Lakshmi Jagannathan, DST Observer and CEO, DERBI Foundations, Bengaluru, spoke on the recent innovations in food technologies. Yeshaswi Nag, Mentor, Atal Incubation Centre, JIT, Bengaluru, who was chief guest, explained the entrepreneurial opportunities available in food technologies.

Vanaja B. Pandit, Hon. Secretary, GSSSIETW, briefed about the importance of event and its impact to participants for achieving professional excellence in food technology.

Dr. M. Shivakumar, College Principal, highlighted the achievements of the Entrepreneurship Development Cell and Institution Innovation Council such as MoUs signed by GSSSIETW with MSME-sponsored Incubation Centre and Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) Ranking and 4 star rating given by Ministry of Education for the entrepreneurial and innovation activities.

Dr. P. Raviraj, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), proposed a vote of thanks.

Rotaract Club Charter Ceremony held

Mysuru, Feb. 1- TTL College of Business Management, Mysuru, in association with Rotaract Club, sponsored by Rotary Mysore Brindavan (RMB), conducted a Charter Ceremony at the College premises in Saraswathipuram recently.

Executive Secretary Prof. H.N. Ashwathanarayan gave brief introduction about the history of the institution and highlighted the importance of Rotaract services provided and why the institution needs to collaborate with Rotaract.

RMB President PHF Rtn. Nanjappaswamy emphasised about the Rotary services and called upon students to be job-providers rather than job-seekers.

TTL College of Business Management Principal Dr. M. Preethi announced the list of Rotaractors in the installation ceremony and following students were honoured by the chief guest:

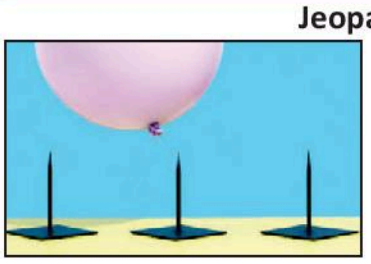
President: Vishwa Prasad (3rd sem M.Com); **Vice-President:** S. Sindhu Sindhu (5th sem B.Com); **Secretary:** Shobhitha (5th sem B.Com); **Joint Secretary:** Vasudev Bharadhwaj (5th sem BBA); **Treasurer:** M.S. Vinay Kumar (5th sem B.Com); **Members: Club Community -** Rashmi (3rd sem M.Com); **Community Service -** Varshith (3rd sem B.com); **International Service -** Raju (3rd sem M.Com); **Professional Development -** Harshavardhan (3rd sem M. Com); **Finance -** Yashwanth (3rd sem M.Com).

Chief guest Major Donor Rtn. H.R. Keshav gave valuable insight about the role of Rotaractors towards betterment of the society. He emphasised upon the priority projects such as adult literacy, upliftment of the downtrodden and education to needy.

Books and stationary sponsored by Rotaract Club were donated to needy school students.

WORD OF THE DAY

Jeopardy



Pronunciation: JEP-er-dee.
Meaning: Exposure to or imminence of death, loss, or injury : danger; law : the danger that an accused person is subjected to when on trial for a criminal offense.
Origin: Geoffrey Chaucer employed the word jeopardy in his late 14th-century masterpiece, *The Canterbury Tales,* but its Middle English form can make it hard to spot: it appears in the phrase "in jupartie" with a meaning very much akin to the word's meaning in the modern phrase "in jeopardy"—that is, "in danger." The spellings of what we now render only as jeopardy were formerly myriad. The Oxford English Dictionary reports that between the late 14th and mid-17th centuries the word was spelled in a great variety of ways, among them iuperti, yoberte, iepardye, ieoberye, and jobardy.
Example: Rather than risk placing passengers in jeopardy, the pilot waited for the storm to pass before taking off.

THE ODD WORD

Jactation

Throwing; boasting.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Jaws of death

Meaning: The phrase refers to a dangerous situation. Usually, the words "from the" or "out of" precede this expression (example, he was rescued out of the jaws of death).
Origin: It's origin may have something to do with dangerous wild animals because they often use their powerful jaws to kill their prey. For example, bears, crocodiles, hippos, and lions are all examples of animals with sharp teeth and strong jaws. To give you an idea on how powerful these creatures can be, a crocodile's jaw is strong enough to crush bones! Yes, these animals pack a punch, so be sure to stay away. Sadly, it's estimated that around 1,000 people die per year as a result of crocodiles. In Africa, hippos cause around 500 deaths per year. Dangerous, indeed. Thus, this phrase's origin might have to do with fearsome animals like these and the deadly jaws they have. After all, if someone managed to escape from them, they would literally have escaped from "the jaws of death." Anyways, this expression has existed for at least 400 years. It was used, for example, by William Shakespeare in the play Twelfth Night, written around 1601: "This youth that you see here I snatch'd one half out of the jaws of death."

QUOTE BOX

Every man must do two things alone; he must do his own believing and his own dying.— **Martin Luther**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HEARTED

Answer: Hard hearted.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 A shrill bark
4 Camera type
7 Stale air
10 Lines or curves satisfying a given geometric condition
11 Helicopter Assoc. International
12 Assoc. of Pub. Add. Engrs.
14 Concurring or consenting
16 Halt
17 Do or ___ : persist regardless of danger?
18 Certified Public Accountant, in short
19 Intestinal bacteria (1,4)
20 Resin - "mug" anagram?
21 Rani Laxmi ___ : the freedom loving queen?
22 Indian dish
24 Decorated or ornamented
28 Debussy heroine
29 Fancy marble
30 Against med. advice
31 Remnant, leftover
33 Tennis star Henman
34 Ex-Opening batsman Shiv Sunder __
35 Sugar suffix
37 Led Zeppelin's John Paul ___
40 Many a time to the poet
41 Body of water
44 To _ ___ : everybody? (1,3)
45 Sci-fi author Ray _____
47 ___ revues : appreciation from the critics?
48 Consume some food
49 Impulse
50 Name for a boy or a donkey?
51 Estimated life expectancy
52 European airline, in short

DOWN

1 Hindu ascetic
2 An area of land
3 Filled pastry crust
4 Co-members of crew
5 Old time Hollywood star Turner
6 Manage or conduct fraudulently?
7 Beguile
8 _ _ no good : likely to do mischief? (2,2)
9 British jail
10 A boy or youth
13 "Cycle" or "centre" prefix
15 Old French coin
19 Hearing organ
20 Made happy
21 Accept the inevitable eventually? (3,2,4)
22 Dead Letter Off.
23 In ___ of : for the benefit of?
25 One of the twelve Hebrew tribes in Old Testament
26 Record maker: abbr.
27 Water barrier
32 Pas' mates
36 Standard, in short?
37 Vibrate or resound discordantly
38 Arabian gulf country
39 Church section
40 By mouth
41 Chapter of the Koran
42 Units of work
43 "Yea" anagram meaning yes?
45 Apiary insect
46 Public vehicle

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	S	E	S		O	H	M		T	R	O	T
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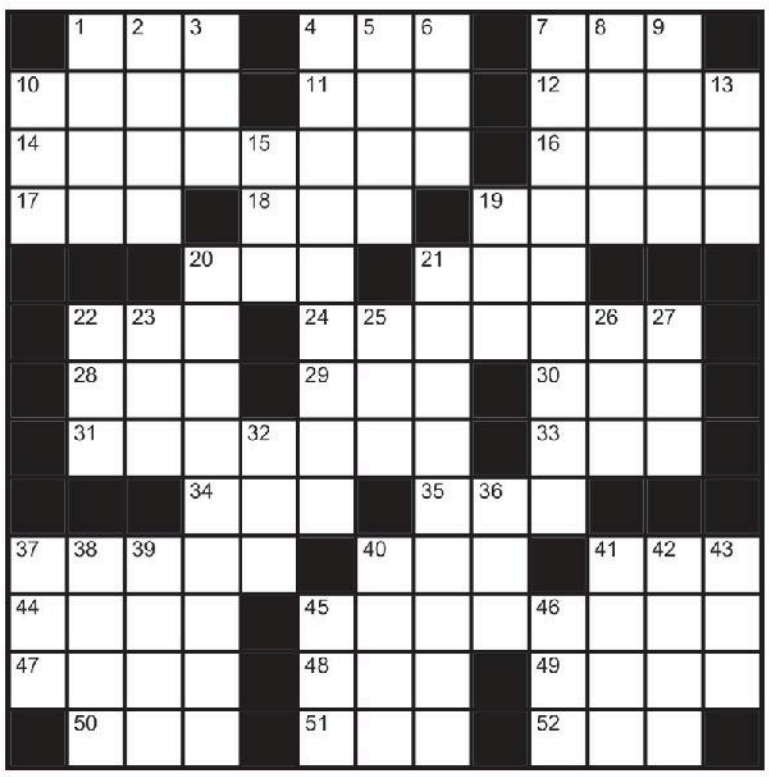

SUDOKO

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	4						7	
1		2	7				4	
				6				
	6				3	2		8
	2						9	
	1				2			7
		7	5	9				

Answer to previous puzzle

6	8	7	3	2	4	1	9	5
9	2	3	5	1	8	4	6	7
5	1	4	7	6	9	3	8	2
1	4	6	8	5	3	7	2	9
2	5	9	4	7	6	8	1	3
3	7	8	2	9	1	5	4	6
7	6	2	1	8	5	9	3	4
8	3	5	9	4	2	6	7	1
4	9	1	6	3	7	2	5	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

AL SVIAIKT, F EZAQENNM TL ABI ABFKJ: F BEWI

ABIVIPLVI LKNM SVIAIKTIT AL SVIAIKT.

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Wit is so shining a quality that everybody admires it; most people aim at it, all people fear it, and few love it unless in themselves.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 1)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazar - Handicrafts Expo, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Sri H.C. Dasappa Institute of Public Affairs and Dr. K.S. Gowdaiah Pratishtana:** 'Mareyalagada Mahaneeyaru' series, freedom fighter Yashodharamma Dasappa Memorial programme titled 'Yashodharamma Dasappa - Ondu nenapu,' freedom fighter H.S. Doreswamy inaugurates, former MLA Vasu presides, cultural thinker Dr. Leela Appaji delivers main address, noted orator Prof. M. Krishnegowda and Sarojamma Tulasidas of H.C. Dasappa's family will be present, freedom fighters Nagarathnamma Javare-gowda and Manikya Shamannashetty will be felicitated, District Sahitya Bhavan, Vijayanagar First Stage, **4.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 2)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazar - Handicrafts Expo, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**

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  Mastram (H) - 4 Shows

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Master (Ta)	(S-1)	11.30 am, 3.00 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	1.00 pm
Naanu Nan Jaanu Baduke Chanda (K)		
	(S-2)	10.30 am
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.20 am, 7.15 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Kabadadaari (Ta)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Mr and Miss (Te)	(S-3)	10.25 am
Satya Sai Baba (H)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
30 Rojullo Preminchatam Ela (Te)	(S-3)	4.15 pm, 7.05 pm
Eval Gopika (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Krack (Te)	(S-4)	4.25 pm, 9.55 pm

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Ramarjuna (K)	(S-3)	11.45 am, 6.15 pm
	(S-4)	2.55 pm
Krack (Te)	(S-3)	2.45 pm, 9.30 pm
30 Rojullo Preminchatam Ela? (Te)		
	(S-4)	11.50 am, 5.55 pm
		9.05 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Nannu Nan Jaanu (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Cheppina Evaru Namaru (Te)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-2)	3.30 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am, 5.55 pm
30 Rojulla Preminchadam Ela (Te)	(S-2)	6.10 pm
	(S-3)	2.15 pm
Satya Sai Baba (H)	(S-2)	9.00 pm
Master (Ta)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 5.00 pm,
		8.30 pm
Krack (Te)	(S-4)	2.55 pm, 8.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Krishna steals the show for ATKMB in 5-goal thriller

Hyderabad do the double over Chennaiyin

Roy Krishna (ATKMB) takes a spotkick during a Hero ISL 2020-21 match against Kerala Blasters at Fatorda Stadium in Margao, Goa, yesterday.

Margao/ Vasco, Feb. 1- After going two goals down, ATK Mohun Bagan (ATKMB) scripted a stunning comeback in Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 to beat Kerala Blasters FC 3-2 at Fatorda Stadium in Margao, Goa, yesterday.

A Gary Hooper goal in the first half and a Costa Nhamoinesu in the second put Kerala in a position of strength. However, ATKMB fought back valiantly through a goal from debutant Marcelo Pereira and a Roy Krishna brace.

AWARDS — Hero of the Match: Roy Krishna (ATKMB); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Manvir Singh (ATKMB).

In the earlier match of the day at Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco yesterday, Hyderabad FC moved to third in the 2020-21 Hero ISL standings after a 2-0 win over Chennaiyin FC.

Fran Sandaza scored Hyderabad's first in the opening period and substitute Joel Chianese doubled their lead in the second.

AWARDS — Hero of the Match: Asish Rai (Hyderabad FC); **Winning Pass of the Match:** Joao Victor (Hyderabad).

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE — IMG RELIANCE STAR

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Tomorrow's Match (Feb. 2)
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Vs
BENGALURU
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Yesterday's Results
HYDERABAD - 2
Beat
CHENNAIYIN - 0

ATK MOHUN BAGAN - 3
Beat
KERALA BLASTERS - 2

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City athlete wins Silver in State Boxing League

Athletes Yash Raj, S.G. Naveena and Manish are seen with Assistant Coach Anjali Gupta.

Mysuru, Feb. 1- S.G. Naveena, an athlete based out of Mysuru, won silver medal at the State-level Boxing League.

Naveena along with Yash Raj and Manish took part in ADDO boxing league which was sanctioned by Karnataka Amateur Boxing Association and held in Bengaluru on Jan. 16 and 17.

While Yash Raj and Manish were awarded 'Certificate of Appreciation for their performance' till quarter finals, Naveena won three bouts and lost to an opponent from Udupi in the finals.

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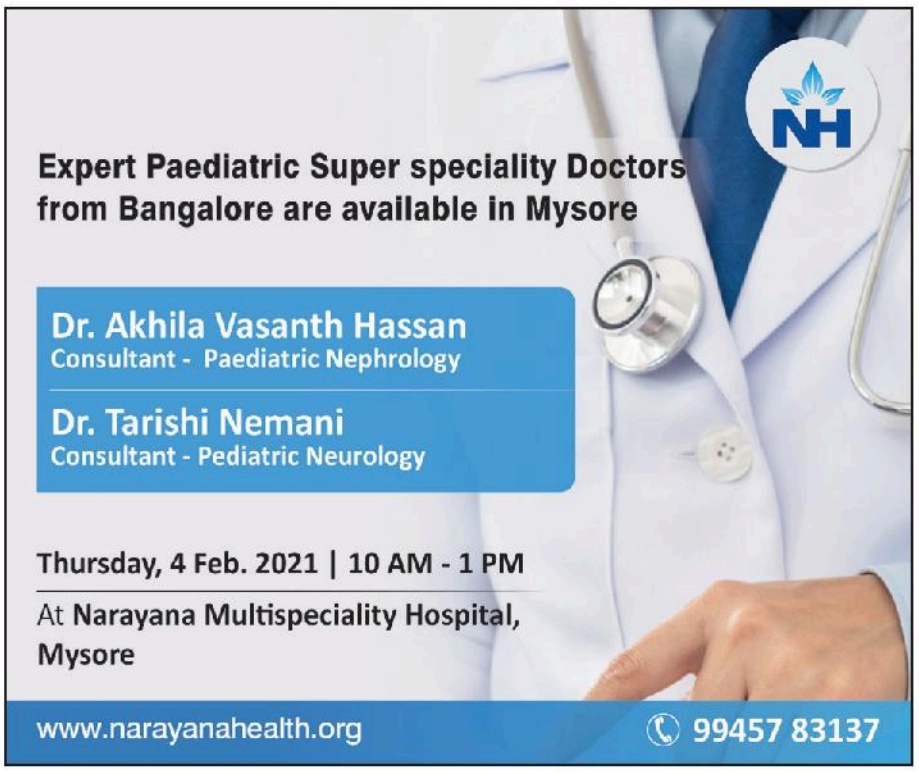
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